Sunday, June 17, 2018

SUBJECT: BORRC: 261 CMR

As a Registered Respiratory Therapist since 1975 I am opposed to this proposed change in the Board regulations at 261 CMR 5.02. I see NO rationale for it. A license in Maine requires NO documentation of continuing education at all. For Massachusetts to suddenly DOUBLE the existing requirement is absurd.

I am also confused by the multiple classifications of education units. CUEs -vs- CMEs -vs- CRCEs -vs- contact hours. I have, [ apparently], been mistaken for some time in thinking that I was obtaining my

10 – 15 “CEUs” every 2 years by attending the annual MSRC conference. Now I’m informed that those were “CRCEs”. Yet I read in the ADVISORY ON CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS from June 20, 2017 that I can get 10 contact hours with just one “CEU”. Can someone please direct me to where I can get 3 of those CEUs please? I don’t think I’m the only one confused about this.

I implore the members of the Board; Please do not make this change. It only burdens RTs in Massachusetts further and does nothing to advance the profession.

Thank you,

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